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'Tis the Season in Philadelphia

In this season for giving thanks, here you are in Philadelphia, the nation's birthplace and easily one of the best places in the land to celebrate the freedoms and privileges that come with being American. Over the next couple of months, we'll elect a new president, honor those who served in the military and share a feast with our family and friends on Thanksgiving. The freedoms that we as Americans enjoy—those established here in Philadelphia and proclaimed in the First Amendment—allow all of us to celebrate the holiday season in our own way. And, of course, we'll all ring in the promise of the New Year on December 31.

Not that we need a reason to celebrate in Philadelphia, but the

next several weeks are especially packed with festive events, elaborate parades and moving ceremonies aimed at honoring our past, appreciating our present and anticipating our future. The city is looking especially good at this time of year, with festive light displays adorning city streets, parks and squares. The city is sounding good too as the city's best musical groups (think Philadel-



phia Orchestra and Peter Nero and the Philly Pops) tune up their instruments for unforgettable seasonal performances. From historical holiday reenactments on **Elfreth's Alley** and the nostalgic *Light Show* at **Lord and Taylor** to thousands of poinsettias on display at **Longwood Gardens** and make-your-own-gingerbread

displays at **The Ritz-Carlton Philadelphia**, the region enchants holiday visitors year after year.

Once New Year's Eve hits, the city amps up the party vibe with an elaborate fireworks display on the Delaware River waterfront. Come New Year's Day, it's all Mummers, all the time. During this day-long parade, more than 12,000 men, women and children prance, dance and strut up—never down—Broad Street in a century-old masquerade, complete with saxophones, sequins and sneakers spray-painted gold. (You have to see it to believe it.)

You've picked a great time to visit Philadelphia. Enjoy your stay, and plan to celebrate with us again very soon.

"People of Independence" Will Reopen Second Bank of the United States



Over two years and \$6.5 million in the making, the **Second Bank of the United States** will reopen to the

public in December, with new utilities, replastered walls and a new accessible entrance. But the big story

for visitors will be a revitalized exhibit that uses the Park's collection of 18th-century portraits in an entirely new way.

People of Independence will also use images of historic portraits that are not in the park's collection and whose subjects represent major aspects of the new nation's political, economic and social development. These people and their significance appear in various parts of the exhibit. This includes portraits of prominent African Ameri-

cans Richard Allen, Absalom Jones, Phillis Wheatley, James Forten, Benjamin Bannaker and Olaudah Equiano.

Throughout the exhibit, there will be life-sized images of working people from a series of Philadelphia printed views published in 1800. These were the kinds of people (dock workers, hucksters, carpenters, washerwomen, farmers, seamstresses) who couldn't afford to have their portraits painted. But, they were the majority of America's 18th-century citizens and therefore an important part of the exhibit's story.

The exhibit introduces visitors to issues that affected everyone who lived in 18th-

century America, including the struggle for human rights in an era that condoned human slavery. The contradictions that this situation fostered appear regularly in the exhibit as an example of how ideals and practice often clash.

The exhibit also explains how an 18th-century philosophical movement called The Enlightenment fostered unprecedented political and social change in America. This change presented opportunities and posed challenges for people of all backgrounds and all walks of life. The exhibit explores how these 18th-century Americans invented and then tested the idea for a nation of "united states."

A Season for Exploration

Independence National Historical Park has seasons, too. The bustling crowds of hot summer days give way to a time of cooler days and fewer visitors. As fall slides into winter, it's a wonderful time to visit the park!

It's a good time to go beyond the usual stops of the **Liberty Bell**, **National Constitution Center** and **Independence Hall**. In December, we will reopen the **Second Bank of the United States** after a two-year preservation project. We have a spectacular new exhibit that includes the park's portrait collection, new utilities to protect the building, as well as the art and a new entrance for individuals who use wheelchairs, so more people will be able to enjoy this wonderful building. And it's just half a block from Independence Hall!

From there, you might visit Franklin Court, site



of Benjamin Franklin's home, or **Carpenters' Hall**, where the First Continental Congress met in 1774. Still owned and operated by the Carpenters Company of Philadelphia, the Hall is a good place to learn more about the important events that happened there. A short block away is **City Tavern**, a popular spot for the Founders as they took a break from creating a nation. Serving the food and drink of the 18th century, the Tavern was referred to by John Adams as "*The most genteel tavern in America.*" Ask your server about the history of the Tavern, and be sure to save room for a delicious 18th-century dessert!

George Washington statue at Independence Hall

Once restored with a meal, you might continue along 2nd Street to see Christ Church, Elfreth's Alley or the nearby Betsy Ross House, all within an easy stroll. Making your way along Arch Street, you can visit Christ Church Burial Ground, and return to Independence Mall and see the Free Quaker Meeting House. Now open to the public after many years, the House has a reenactor who will tell you the story of the Free Quakers.

Standing outside the buildings in the cool autumn air, you might gaze along Independence Mall to see the tower of Independence Hall and the words "*We the People*" inscribed on the massive National Constitution Center. And, just for a moment, I hope you will be inspired to give thanks for the blessings of liberty America enjoys. That's what this season is all about.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Bomar, Superintendent

Navigating Independence Mall

With so much to see and do, there are plenty of ways to plan your visit to the Independence Mall area. With smaller crowds, it is easier to navigate. Here are some tips:

- Begin at the **Independence Visitor Center**, 6th & Market Streets, where you can get an overview of the region and pick up suggestions on dining, shopping and touring the town.
- While you're at the Visitor Center, be sure to get your free timed tickets to tour **Independence Hall**. Remember, early arrivals have the best chance of getting tickets for the time of their choice. Allow about 45 minutes to go through security, then head to the new **Liberty Bell Center** to see and learn about the famous icon. When you're done, you'll be directed by a Park Ranger to Independence Hall.
- As an alternate plan, you might want to start your visit at the **National Constitution Center**, 525 Arch Street. Plan to spend a couple hours taking it all in before heading to the Independence Visitor Center to pick up your Independence Hall tickets.
- Once you've done the Bell and the Hall plan to visit some of these fun and fascinating attractions, located nearby:
 - **Christ Church Burial Ground**, the final resting place of Benjamin Franklin and other signers of the *Declaration of Independence*. 5th & Arch Streets, (215) 922-1695

- **Free Quaker Meeting House**, whose members broke with traditional Quaker beliefs and took part in the American Revolution. 5th & Arch Streets
- **Fireman's Hall Museum**, featuring some of the nation's earliest hand-engines and hand pumpers. 147 N. 2nd Street, (215) 923-5439
- **National Liberty Museum**, celebrating the heroes who fight for freedom around the world. 321 Chestnut Street, (215) 925-2800

For more famous sites in the neighborhood, check out the map and list on pages 4 and 5.



For Youth Leaders

Download Independence National Historical Park's new educational programs *Following in Franklin's Footsteps* and *Thomas Jefferson's Homework* from www.nps.gov/inde, or pick up a copy at the Independence Visitor Center. This packet of information and ideas leads school groups through the park following the trail of Benjamin Franklin. Look for additional education programs to follow in the months to come.

Language Services

Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. There is information in several languages about the Liberty Bell and other park sites. See a Ranger or ask at the Visitor Center if you have a specific request.

Accessibility

Park buildings, programs, films and exhibits are accessible via curb cut-outs, ramps, text/photo albums describing second floor displays, verbal presentations, park folders in Braille and large print tour brochures, pamphlets and booklets, park-wide signage featuring text and graphics, open captioning and assistive listening devices.

To arrange for American Sign Language services, please contact us at least two weeks in advance. Use the relay service (800-855-0000) to call (215-597-7130).



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Special days and events



NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 4

Independence Visitor Center, Theater One, 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.:

Philadelphia's First Inhabitants: The Leni Lenape and Mid-Atlantic Society - An illustrated lecture and discussion by Dr. Jean Soderlund of Lehigh University. *Free*

November 4 - 7

The Clay Studio Collector's Weekend - Celebrate the Clay Studio's 30th anniversary with its annual auction and special programming for collectors of ceramic arts. (215) 925-3453

Saturday November 6

Story Tours, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: **The Courage of their Convictions Tour** - Meet Betsy Ross, abolitionist Fanny Kemble and Paul Robeson, who risked exile, poverty and death to stand up for their beliefs. *Departs from Independence Visitor Center. Reservations: (215) 848-1777 ext. 221*

November 6 & 20, December 11

Betsy Ross House, 12:30 p.m.- ages K-3rd grades, 2:30 p.m.-ages 4th-5th grades: Special book reading by Betsy Ross who will tell children's stories about her life and times. Don't miss this first time special event! (215) 686-1252

Sunday, November 7 & 21

The Museum of the American Philosophical Society, APS Library, 105 South 5th Street, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.: **The Natural Legacy of Lewis and Clark** - A family walking tour. *Free*

Thursday, November 11, Veterans Day

Betsy Ross House, Noon-3 p.m.: **Remembering the First Soldiers** - This special Veterans' Day tribute looks at the life of a soldier in George Washington's Continental Army. You'll be fascinated as a Revolutionary War soldier straight out of the past shares his story. (215) 686-1252

Saturday, November 20

Edgar Allan Poe N.H.S., 532 North 7th Street, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.: **Who done it?** The development of the detective story by Edgar Allan Poe - Mr. Art Bourgeois, owner of the *Who Done It* bookstore, talks about Poe's creation of the detective story. (215) 597-8780 *Free*

Thursday, November 25

Benjamin Franklin Parkway, 8:15 a.m.: **6ABC's/Bosco's Thanksgiving Day Parade** - Come see the 85th annual parade in Philadelphia, home to the very first Thanksgiving Day Parade in America! Hosted by local TV personalities Cecily Tynan and Dave Roberts, and nationally recognized Kelly Ripa!

Friday, November 26

The Gallery at Market East: Family Fun Day - Santa, Mrs. Claus and other holiday characters ride on the Santa Express from stations throughout the region to kick-off the holiday shopping season. (215) 625-4962

November 26 & 27

Independence Visitor Center 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.: **Celebrate Our 3rd Anniversary** - Arts and crafts, entertainment, historical characters and more. *Free*

November 26 - December 31

Please Touch Museum: Enchanted Colonial Village - The Museum presents scenes from Lit Brother's Enchanted Colonial Village. (215) 963-0677

November 26 - January 1

Light Show At Lord & Taylor - The Light Show is a 50-year tradition, in which snowflakes dance; ballerinas, reindeer and clocks float; and a massive American flag is raised. *Shows are daily, on the hour. (Closed Christmas Day.) (215) 241-9000*

Saturday, November 27

Story Tours, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.: **Bombshells in the Bedroom: When War Hits Home** - Storytellers, actors and performers tell the stories of the civilians who survived the Battle of Germantown. Tour includes visits to Cliveden, Wyck and Stenton and afternoon tea. *Departs from Independence Visitor Center. Reservations: (215) 848-1777 ext. 221.*

November 27 - December 19, weekends

Holiday Activities At The Betsy Ross House - Betsy Ross will celebrate the holidays Colonial-style, with a Colonial crafter at work and the sounds of traditional holiday music played on the hammer dulcimer. (215) 686-1254

November 30 - December 18

Mum Puppettheatre: Santa Claus Conquers the Fantoccini - Puppets are the stars in this emotional and funny holiday series. (215) 925-7686 *

DECEMBER

December 1 - 2 & 4 - 7

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts: Holiday Pops! - Come hear the sounds of the season as Peter Nero and the Philly Pops perform their annual holiday concert. (215) 893-1999 *

Saturday, December 4

Deshler Morris House, 2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: **Holidays in the 18th Century** - German immigrants brought many of our popular holiday traditions when they settled here. After this special talk, tour the decorated house. *House open 1-4 p.m. (215) 596-1748 Free*

Saturday, December 4, 11, 18

Independence Visitor Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: **Windsor Chair Making Demonstration** - Holiday Happenings- fun holiday craft projects for kids, special give-a-ways.

Friday, December 10

Elfreth's Alley, 6-9 p.m.: **Deck the Alley** - Tour more than a dozen private homes during this popular holiday event featuring carolers, Windsor chair making and warm cider. This Philadelphia tradition is the perfect way to get in the holiday spirit. *Call for tickets. (215) 574-0560*

December 10 - 12

Deshler Morris House, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.: **18th - century Holiday Decorations** - On view in this elegant and historic house. (215) 596-1748 *Free*

December 10 - 12

Gloria Dei Old Swedes Church, Lucia Fest - This Candlelight Children's pageant recreates traditional Swedish Christmas customs. (215) 389-1513 *

Friday, December 17

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, 7:30pm: **Colonial Holiday** - Celebrate Christmas and Chanukah with this musical journey back in time to colonial Philadelphia with an 18-piece orchestra conducted by Marc Mostovoy, children's choir and Ben Franklin himself. Hear Franklin's own glass armonica, patriotic tunes of the day and then return to the present for an old-fashioned holiday sing-along. A novel holiday experience for the whole family! (215) 893-1999

Saturday, December 18

The African American Museum in Philadelphia, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: **Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration** - See how African Americans and world cultures experience the holiday season. Lively performances, storytelling and refreshments entertain the family. (215) 574-0380 *Free*

Saturday, December 18-19

Blue Cross RiverRink: Skate with Santa - Enjoy the popular Skate with Santa after he arrives by helicopter. Holiday ice sculptures, arts and crafts, face painting and "*Santa and Me*" caricatures will also be part of the festivities. (215) 925-RINK

December 24 - 25

City Tavern: Christmas Dinner - Feast on a five-course Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with a menu representative of traditional 18th-century recipes. *Reservations recommended. (215) 413-1443*

Saturday, December 25

Washington Crossing Historic Park 1 p.m.: **Reenactment of Washington Crossing the Delaware** - The 52nd annual reenactment of General George Washington leading his troops to change the course of the American Revolution on Christmas Day in 1776. (215) 493-4076

Sunday, December 26

National Museum of American Jewish History, Noon to 4 p.m.: **Being Jewish At Christmas** - This celebration features music, children's activities, refreshments and tours. (215) 923-3811

Friday, December 31

The Please Touch Museum, Noon & 2 p.m.: **New Year's Countdown Celebration** - Since most young visitors can't stay up until midnight, the museum counts down to the new year during the day with Mummies, confetti and more. (215) 963-0667

Friday, December 31

Blue Cross RiverRink, 10 a.m.: **New Year's Eve On Ice Party** - Six two-hour skating sessions are available on New Year's Eve ending with a special party on ice, and a great view of the fireworks. (215) 925-RINK

ONGOING EVENTS

Saturdays in November

Independence Visitor Center, 2 p.m.: **Chief Teedyuscung Tell All** - Celebrate Native American Heritage Month at this 1-hour first person costumed interpretive program by Park Ranger Ray Harshbarger.

Sundays in November

Welcome Park, 2nd & Walnut Streets, 2 p.m.: **What Happened to All the Native People?** - Celebrate Native American Heritage Month at this 1-hour outdoor walking tour led by Park Ranger Pat Gorman.

November 3 - 28

Edgar Allan Poe N.H.S. 532 N. 7th Street 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: **Treasure Hunt** - Follow the clues in Poe's house on a special treasure hunt for children aged 7 to 12 years old. Find the prize at the end. (215) 597-8780 *Free*

Through November 7

The Arden Theatre: The Arabian Nights - A dazzling new adaptation of the captivating world of storytelling and exotic adventure. (215) 922-1122 *

Through November 20

Mum Puppettheatre: The Puppetmaster of Lodz - The comedy of a young man who tries to rebuild his life, convinced WWII is still running three years after its end. (215) 925-7686 *

Through December 28

The African American Museum of Philadelphia: 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education - This exhibit explores the connections of several civil rights movements in America. (215) 574-0380

December 11 - January 2, 2005

The Academy of Music: The Nutcracker - No holiday is complete without a visit from the Sugarplum Fairy and the Mouse King during the Pennsylvania Ballet's production of this George Balanchine classic, Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. (215) 551-7000 *

Have a Red, White and Blue Holiday Season at the Betsy Ross House

Celebrate the season colonial-style with a visit to Philadelphia's famous Betsy Ross House at 239 Arch Street. The house is bustling with activity over the holidays, with plenty of events planned to entertain the whole family.

You will Meet Betsy Ross in person every day from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ask this famous Quaker how she observed the holidays in colonial times. On Fridays and Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a colonial crafter will be on hand to demonstrate the arts of spinning and lace making. On Saturdays and Sundays, 2-4:30 p.m., listen to the delightful sounds of seasonal music played on the Hammer Dulcimer.

Kids are in for a real treat on Saturdays, November 6 and 20 and December 11, when Betsy Ross hosts a special book reading. America's most famous flagmaker will also share stories of her fascinating life and times. On each day, Kindergarten to third graders are welcome at 12:30 p.m. Fourth and fifth graders will have their turn at 2:30 p.m.

And, of course, what would the holidays be without shopping? It's a Red, White & Blue Christmas in the house's gift shop. You'll find lots of patriotic gifts for young and old, from stocking stuffers to the special limited edition Byers Choice Betsy Ross carolers. And don't forget to take a look at the many unique Christmas ornaments to trim your tree.

Don't miss any of the fun. The Betsy Ross House is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. An audio tour, with a special optional children's version is available for \$5. Admission for the self-guided tour is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under.

Call (215) 686-1252 for more information about the house or any of the special programs.



| <i>HISTORIC SITE & MAP LOCATION</i> | <i>HOURS OF OPERATION</i> | <i>COST</i> |  |  |
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| AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA 7th & Arch Streets - (215) 574-0380 B3 | Open Tues.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sun. - 12 p.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Mon. | Adult - \$8 • Ch./Sr. - \$6 • Stud. - \$6 |  | |
| AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY 105 South 5th Street - (215) 440-3400 D5 | Open Fri.-Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Closed Mon.-Thur. | FREE | | |
| ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE 4th & Arch Streets - (215) 627-2631 E3 | Open Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Closed Sun. | \$2 Suggested Donation |  | |
| THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA 219 South 6th Street - (215) 952-2688 C7 | Open Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Sat.-Sun. | FREE | | |
| ATWATER KENT MUSEUM OF PHILADELPHIA HISTORY 15 South 7th Street - (215) 685-4830 B5 | Open Mon.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Tues. | Adult - \$5 • Ch./Sr. - \$3 • Ch. Under 12 - FREE |  | |
| BETSY ROSS HOUSE 239 Arch Street - (215) 686-1252 F3 | Open Tues.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Mon. | Suggested Donation: Adult - \$3 • Ch./Stud. - \$ 2 | | |
| BISHOP WHITE HOUSE 309 Walnut Street - E6 | Tickets available at the Independence Visitor Center | FREE | | |
| CARPENTERS' HALL 320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167 E5 | Open Tues.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Closed Mon. | FREE | | |
| CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA & BURIAL GROUND 2nd Street above Market Street - (215) 922-1695 F4 | Open Mon.-Sat. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sun. - 1 p.m.-5 p.m. | \$2 Suggested Donation |  | |
| CITY TAVERN 138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443 F6 | Open Mon.-Thurs. - 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. • Fri. & Sat. - 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. • Sun. - 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. | Various | |  |
| CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL 44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-5446 D4 | Open Mon.-Thurs. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Closed Sat.-Sun. | FREE |  | |
| CONGRESS HALL 6th & Chestnut Streets - (215) 965-2305 C5 | Open daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | FREE |  | |
| DECLARATION (GRAFF) HOUSE 7th & Market Streets - (215) 965-2305 B4 | Open Wed.- Sun. 11a.m.-2 p.m. • Closed Mon.-Tues. | FREE |  | |
| EDGAR ALLAN POE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE 532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780 C4 | Open Wed.-Sun. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Mon.-Tues. | FREE |  | |
| ELFRETH'S ALLEY 124-126 Elfreth Alley - (215) 574-0560 F2 | Open Thurs. – Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m • Sun. noon-5 • Closed Mon.-Wed. | Ad. \$3 • Ch. 6-18 - \$1 – Under 6, school/scout grps. FREE | | |
| FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA 10 Independence Mall - (215) 574-6257 C2 | Open Mon. - Fri - 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. • Closed Sat.-Sun. | FREE |  | |
| FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM 147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438 F2 | Open Tues. - Sat. - 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. • Closed Sun.-Mon. | FREE |  | |
| FRANKLIN COURT 314-322 Market Street - (215) 965-2305 E4 | Open daily - 11 a.m.-5 p.m. | FREE |  | |
| FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE 5th and Arch Streets - (215)-629-5801 C3 | Open Wed.- Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Mon.-Tues | FREE |  | |
| GLORIA DEI “OLD SWEDES” CHURCH Columbus Boulevard near Christian Street - (215) 389-1513 | Open daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | FREE |  | |
| INDEPENDENCE HALL Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th Streets - (215) 965-2305 C5 & D6 | Open daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | FREE tickets available at I.V.C. |  | |
| INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM 211 Columbus Boulevard - (215) 925-5439 H6 | Open daily - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year | Ad.- \$9 • Sr./Stud.- \$8 • Ch.- \$6, FREE Sun. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. |  | |
| INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER 6th & Market Streets - (800) 537-7676 C4 | Open daily - 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. | FREE |  |  |
| KOSCIUSZKO HOUSE 3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 597-9618 E8 | Open Wed.-Sun. - noon - 4 p.m. • Closed Mon.-Tues. | FREE | | |
| LIBERTY BELL CENTER 6th between Market & Chestnut Streets - (215) 965-2305 C4 | Open daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | FREE |  | |
| MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY 8th & Spruce Streets - (215) 922-5446 A7 | Open Tues.-Fri. • 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | FREE | | |
| MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH 419 South 6th Street - (215) 925-0616 C9 | Open Tues.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Sun. - Open for Services • Closed Mon. | \$2 Suggested Donation | | |
| NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER 525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6600 D3 | Open Sat. - 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. • Sun.-Fri. - 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. | Adult - \$7 • Ch./Sr. - \$5 • Under 4 - FREE |  |  |
| NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM 321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800 E5 | Open daily - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Adult - \$5 • Sr. - \$4 • Stud. - \$3 • Ch. - FREE |  | |
| NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY 55 North 5th Street - (215) 923-3812 D4 | Open Mon.-Thurs. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Sun. - 12 p.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Sat. | Adult - \$4 • Sr./Ch. - \$3 • Stud.- \$3 |  | |
| NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM Chestnut Street between 3rd & 4th Streets - (215) 965-2305 E5 | Open Wed.-Sun - 2 p.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Mon.-Tues. | FREE |  | |
| OLD CITY HALL 5th & Chestnut Streets - (215) 965-2305 D5 | Open daily - 11 a.m.-5 p.m. | FREE |  | |
| OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH 4th & Race Streets - (215) 922-4566 E1 | Tours by appointment | FREE |  | |
| OLD PINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051 D8 | Open Mon.-Sat. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sun. - Open for Services | FREE |  | |
| OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH 4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge - (215) 627-1838 D1 | Tours by appointment | FREE |  | |
| OLD ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE 321 Willings Alley - (215) 923-1733 E6 | Tours by appointment | FREE | | |
| OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH 248 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930 D7 | Open Mon.-Sat. - 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Sun. - Open for Services | FREE | | |
| PEMBERTON HOUSE MUSEUM SHOP 325 Chestnut Street - (215) 597-8019 E5 | Open daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | FREE |  | |
| PHYSICK HOUSE 321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866 E8 | Open Thurs.-Sat. - 12 p.m.-5 p.m. • Sun. - 1 p.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Mon.-Wed. | Gen. - \$5 • Stud./Sr. - \$4 • Fam. - \$12 • Und. 6 - FREE | | |
| POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM 308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700 E6 | Open Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Closed Sun. | FREE | | |
| PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK Chestnut Street between 4th & 5th - (215) 965-2305 D5 | Opens December 1st Wed. - Sun - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. • Closed Mon. Tues. | FREE | | |
| POWEL HOUSE 244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364 E7 | Open Thurs.-Sat. - 12 p.m.-5 p.m. • Sun. - 1 p.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Mon. Wed. | Gen. - \$5 Stud./Sr. - \$4 • Fam. - \$12 • Und. 6 - FREE |  | |
| ST. GEORGE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 235 North 4th Street - (215) 925-7788 E1 | Open Mon.-Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Sat. & Sun. - By Appointment Only | FREE | | |
| ST. PETER EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 925-5968 E8 | Open Mon.-Fri. - 8 a.m.-4 p.m. • Sat. - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Sun. - 1 p.m.-3 p.m. | FREE |  | |
| TODD HOUSE 4th & Walnut Streets - E6 | Tickets available at the Independence Visitor Center | FREE | | |

Independence National Historical Park Sites

Independence Hall

Chestnut Street
between 5th & 6th Streets

These walls heard it all: the bold proclamation of freedom, the doubts, the fears and, finally, the hope for the future. Visit the building where Americans boldly declared their independence and 11 years later, established a radical constitutional form of government. *Timed tickets are required to tour the building. See back page for details.*



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Independence Hall

Great Essentials Exhibit

(West Wing of Independence Hall)

Consider the turmoil and excitement of July, 1776 as you gaze at an original broadside copy of the *Declaration of Independence*. The link between past and present comes alive here with the other documents on display and the presence of the Syng inkstand.

Congress Hall

6th & Chestnut Streets

In this presidential election year, visit Congress Hall and contemplate the oath of office taken here by George Washington and John Adams. Those first two presidents faced unique problems and some familiar challenges.

Old City Hall

Chestnut Street
between 5th & 6th Streets

An independent judiciary, established under the new *U.S. Constitution*, seemed like a good idea. However, for the 10 years the Supreme Court met here it seemed as though Americans struggled to understand its meaning.

The Liberty Bell Center

6th Street
between Market & Chestnut Streets

This venerable bell, witness to the American Revolution, received its famous name from 19th-century abolitionists. Now with its crack, the Liberty Bell is a worldwide symbol of freedom. Visit the Bell in its state-of-the-art new home and follow its evolution from working bell to international symbol of freedom.



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Liberty Bell Center

The Independence Visitor Center

6th & Market Streets

Your first stop for information, history and adventure! Obtain your free Independence Hall tickets, purchase tickets for more than 20 attractions and tours. Get help with hotels, restaurants, view the films, use the restrooms, café and store.



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Independence Visitor Center

The Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.

Chestnut Street between 4th & 5th Streets

Opening Wednesday, December 1, the *Faces of Philadelphia* is a dynamic, innovative new exhibit featuring the park's portrait collections. *No admission fee.*

Franklin Court

314-322 Market Street

Benjamin Franklin came to understand the need for independence during his service in England. His treatment by Parliament turned him from loyal Englishman to ardent patriot. Learn about the prolific Benjamin Franklin at the six sites associated with Franklin Court.



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Franklin Court

Carpenters' Hall

320 Chestnut Street

Built in 1770, Carpenters' Hall hosted the First Continental Congress in September 1774. This relatively short meeting served as a necessary precursor to the Second Continental Congress and the *Declaration of Independence*.

New Hall Military Museum

Chestnut Street
between 3rd & 4th Streets

Originally the office of the first Secretary of War Henry Knox, this building now houses exhibits honoring the United States Army, Marine Corps and Navy.

Bishop White House/Todd House

309 Walnut Street-Bishop White House
4th & Walnut Streets-Todd House

Ranger-led tours help visitors explore the social world of 18th-century Philadelphia through the eyes of the White and Todd families. Details on tours are available at the Independence Visitor Center.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial

301 Pine Street

Kosciuszko was a true patriot, who fought for freedom in the American colonies and in his native Poland. He lived in this house, the smallest site in the National Park System, from 1797-98. A short slide show, in English or Polish, is available upon request.

American Philosophical Society

105 S. 5th Street

Stuffing Birds, Pressing Plants, Shaping Knowledge, a contemporary exploration of early American natural science, presents images and artifacts drawn largely from the Philosophical Society's collection. Many items are on view for the first time. *Exhibit closes 12/31/04.*

City Tavern

2nd & Walnut Streets

Enjoy a taste of history in this recreation of the elegant 18th-century City Tavern where Washington, Adams, Franklin and others celebrated.

Declaration House (Graff House)

7th & Market Streets

Thomas Jefferson lived here in the summer of 1776, when he wrote the *Declaration of Independence*. Request the free 10-minute movie, *Portrait of a Patriot*, which tells the story of Jefferson writing the words that changed the world.



Robin Miller, 1982. Courtesy, INHP

Declaration House

The Germantown White House: Deshler-Morris House

5442 Germantown Avenue
(Germantown section, outside Old City)

This house served as the official residence of President George Washington during the 1793 Yellow Fever epidemic. Cabinet meetings held at the house debated the United States' position on the war between England and France. Washington's household, including his enslaved Africans, lived here. *Closed 12/13-31/04*





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Deshler-Morris House

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 **Colonial Crafter** - Watch as wool is spun on a spinning wheel and a drop spindle and lace and ribbon are made just as they were in the 18th century.
(Fri. & Sat. only)

 ***Meet Timothy Matlack, Free Quaker*** - Come hear the story of one of the founders of the Free Quaker Society, who engrossed (hand calligraphed) the Declaration of Independence. (*Wed. to Sun. only*)

 *A Day in the Life of Washington's Army* - Washington's Army called to Americans of all races and social classes. This demonstration talks about their common experience. 3 to 3:15 p.m.
(Wed. to Sun. only)



*Especially appropriate
for children*

7 Reasons to Give Thanks

- The rights given to Americans, in the 10 amendments to the *U.S. Constitution*, officially adopted into the *Constitution* in **Congress Hall. 6th & Market Streets, (215) 965-2305**
- The 56 men who pledged their “lives, fortunes and sacred honor” to sign the *Declaration of Independence* at **Independence Hall** on July 4, 1776. *5th & Chestnut Streets, (215) 965-2305*
- Ben Franklin – author, statesman, diplomat, scientist. Is there anything this man didn’t do? Find out more at **Franklin Court. 316-322 Market Street, (215) 965-2305**
- The Liberty Bell. Cracked and forever silent, its message of freedom echoes more loudly

- The butchers, the bakers and candlestick makers who were the backbone of Colonial Philadelphia. Hear their stories on **Elfreth's Alley**, the country's oldest, continuously occupied residential street. *126 Elfreth's Alley, (215) 574-0560*
- Modern medicine. Dr. Philip Syng Physick, known as the "Father of Modern Medicine," was one of the most accomplished physicians of his time. See his innovations at **The Physick House**. *321 S. 4th Street, (215) 925-7866*
- The literary greatness of Edgar Allan Poe, who spent his most prolific years in Philadelphia. Tour the **Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site**, where he wrote some of his most popular stories. *530 N. 7th Street, (215) 597-8780*

In November, Nicolas Cage will grab the attention of movie fans as he races through the streets of Philadelphia and Washington, DC in an Indiana Jones-style adventure involving America's precious historic documents. Now, fans of the movie can embark on their very own adventure with the Washington, DC & Philadelphia Tour, inspired by the movie *National Treasure*. The self-guided journey takes visitors to key movie locations in both cities. Pick up your free tour brochure at the Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets. And, be sure to visit www.movietour.org for information about accommodations, special offers and movie details.

Carolers on Elfreth's Alley during Deck the Alley.



Eat, Shop and Be Merry



DINING Touring the city's Historic District can be exhausting if you're not properly fueled. For some coffee, hot chocolate and a warm place to rest when the temperature starts to dip, consider these options:

- **Big Jar Books** – Browse a wide selection of used books while enjoying hot refreshments and pastries in this quaint bookshop.
55 N. 2nd Street, (215) 574-1650
- **Cafe Ole** – This European-style coffee house serves up a nice selection of coffee, sandwiches and pastries.
147 N. 3rd Street, (215) 627-2140
- **Cosi** – “Comfy, friendly and cozy” is the motto at this bustling Old City coffee shop/restaurant/bar.
325 Chestnut Street, (215) 339-0215
- **Jasmine Tea Room at Titus** – Tucked away in this “appearance enhancement boutique,” the Jasmine Tea Room features more than 40 teas and plenty of decadent pastries.
400 Walnut Street, (215) 629-9808
- **Mr. K's Koffee Shop** – It may not be fancy, but the service is quick at this no-nonsense diner serving breakfast, lunch and, of course, coffee.
325 Chestnut Street, (215) 627-7991
- **Petit 4 Pastry Studio** – Cobblers, hazelnut and chocolate mousse layer cakes and divinely simple butter cookies are some of the favorites at this tiny Old City pastry shop, which also serves an assortment of hot beverages.
160 N. 3rd Street, (215) 627-8440
- **Starbucks Coffee Company** – Located directly across the street from *The Real World Philadelphia* house, this coffee shop chain is great for sipping lattes and people watching.
57-63 N. 3rd Street, (215) 922-3890

Don't forget: If you're really in a rush, there are vendors on nearly every street corner, selling coffee, tea and Philly favorites, including soft pretzels, cheesesteaks and hotdogs.

SHOPPING The holiday shopping season is here, and, boy are you in the right place to give your credit card a serious workout. Hit the streets of Philly, and prepare to impress those on your shopping list this year. For the latest in funky fashions, trendy accessories, fabulous antiques and hip home furnishings, head to 2nd & 3rd Streets between Market and Arch Streets, where lots of privately owned shops and boutiques line the streets. On December 11th and 12th you'll find the Old City Holiday Marketplace with artsy gifts items and greens from The Clay Studio Gallery, The Woodturning Center and the Elfreth's Alley Museum. Antique and home furnishings lovers can wander along Pine Street from 9th to 12th Streets. Here, you'll discover plenty of shopping treasures.

Shopping for the future physician, the American history buff, an aspiring paleontologist or your stylish sister? Look no further than the region's famous museums and historical sites, where shopping is not only about unique wares, it's also about supporting great culture. Find the perfect holiday gift at the **Independence Store** at the **Independence Visitor Center**; the **National Constitution Center's** retail store; the gift shop at the **Betsy Ross House**; or **America's National Parks Store** in the **Pemberton House** on Chestnut Street between 3rd & 4th.

BANKING (ATMs) Need money? There are plenty of ATMs scattered throughout the historic district. Here are just a handful:

- **6th & Market Streets**
(inside the Independence Visitor Center)
- **2nd & Chestnut Streets**
- **4th & Market Streets**
- **5th & Chestnut Streets**
- **6th & Chestnut Streets**

RESTROOMS When the need for a bathroom hits, head to:

- **Independence Visitor Center**, 6th & Market Streets
- **Public Bathrooms**, 5th & Chestnut Streets
- **The Bourse**, 5th Street between Market & Chestnut Streets
- **Betsy Ross House**, 239 Arch Street

Correction

In the last issue, two photo credits did not appear due to a transmission error. The *National Constitution Center* image on page 1 was taken by R. Kennedy, and the *Cuba Libre* image on page 8 was taken by K. Ciappa. The Gazette regrets the error.



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The popular **Philly Overnight® Hotel Package** is back – and sure to be as popular as ever this time around. Available from November 19, 2004 through March 26, 2005, at more than 50 hotels throughout the region, the two-night

offer includes free hotel parking and gifts upon check-in. To make reservations, visitors can call their favorite hotel or visit www.gophila.com. And, don't forget, **Philly Overnight®** makes the perfect holiday gift!

ATTENTION INDEPENDENCE HALL VISITORS

Don't forget, all visitors to Independence Hall need a free, timed ticket! Here are the important facts you should know about tickets and security:

- *Each visitor can request up to six tickets, in person, for any available time during the day of the visit.*
- *Pick up tickets at the Independence Visitor Center ticket desk an hour before your tour is scheduled to start.*
- *Cross Market Street, join the line at the screening facility at least 30–45 minutes before your scheduled tour.*
- *Rangers will direct you to the appropriate entrance of the screening facility.*
- *After screening, enjoy your visit to the Liberty Bell Center.*
- *Cross Chestnut Street, and visit Independence Square.**
- *Exit Independence Square at 5th and Chestnut*

Please note: there are no restrooms in the security zone. Use the ample restrooms in the Independence Visitor Center before entering the screening facility.

** There will be an opportunity to leave the secure area after visiting the Liberty Bell Center.*